The Christmas Good Times

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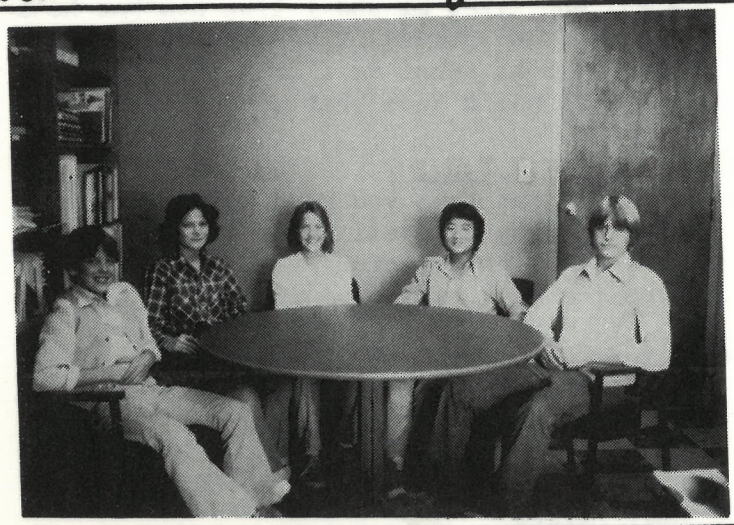

Pictured above are the newly-elected officers of the student council. Left to right are president Marty Albar, vice-president Lori Fisk, secretary Theresa Guimond, treasurer Paul Higachi, and ambassador Brian Rosema.

Tammy Top Designer

The winner of the yearbook cover contest was Tammy Dreier, a sixth grader. Tammy's drawing of an Indian's head will decorate the 1979 Wappaw Jr. which will be ready for distribution in May.

Tammy won a Hiatt House certificate and a free yearbook for her drawing.

CANDY — Council Fund Raiser

Student council members and yearbook staffers are in the process of selling candy canes to raise money for the yearbook.

Every year student council has tried to offset the real cost of the Wappaw Jr. by raising money through sales like these.

Candy canes may be purchased from any one on the fund-raising committee as well as from some of the yearbook staff.

Sing Noel

Christmas choir members are practicing twice a week for the concert they will be presenting before Christmas.

Under the direction of Mrs. Herm and Mr. Dyer, the choir is hard at work perfecting their songs for an assembly.

Membershop in the choir is all volunteer.

December Dance

The first dance of the school year was held Friday, Dec. 8, in the middle school gymnasium.

Hopefully it was held. As the paper goes to press, we only hope the weather held out this time since the dance had already been rescheduled from December 1.

Tickets for the dance were $1.00 ahead of time and $1.50 at the door. Mike Bain was the disc "jockey".

Refreshments included pop and candy bars. Chaperones for the dance were Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Jacher, Ms. Swanson, Ms. Lundquist, and Mr. Pefley.

Double Good Times

This issue of the Good Times is a combination of both the Thanksgiving issue and the Christmas issue as a result of some delay on the part of our former publishers.

The next issue will be published in February since the publications staff will be working fast and furiously on the yearbook from now until late January when it must go to the printers, if possible.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

Student council elections were held Octobe 30 following speeches given the Friday previous.

Marty Albar was elected president in a tight race against Mark Serbenski. Lori Fisk ran against keen competition from Ora Leee Gipson, John Pugsley, Kurt Lucas, and Patty Ross to become vice president.

Theresa Guimond won the secretarial race against Jana Preston, Heidi Smith, and Jennifer Triquet. Paul Hiagchi was elected treasurer over Larry Kinter, Cheryl Berry, Richard Furness and Barb Hande.

The ambassador race was won by Brian Rosema against stiff competition from Gina Rigozzi, Pam DePierre, Debbie Haefner, and Scott Dent.

GIVE THANKS ...

It's never too late to give thanks. What are you thankful for"was the question that Good Times reporters raised to the faculty members they interviewed.

Mr.s Herm: "my family."

Mrs. Cusomano:" the m ddle school and the students."

Mrs. Grey:" my family, a nice job, and working in such a nice town."

Mrs. Pfister:" my family and being alive."

Mr. Erickson:" I'm thankful for a free land, for a wonderful wife, and tow especially bright and happpy children. But even more I'm thankful I don't have to go to school any more than I do."

Mr. Snyder:" I am thankful for my good family and thankful for eveyone who has good health."

Mrs. Chavoya:"I'm thankful for a vacation."

Mrs. Dobbs:" I"m hoping for and will be thankful for a good day to get my roses ready for winter." (we hope she has.)

Mrs. Jacher:" I hope I am at peace and that my family can get toegether."

Mr. Barnes:" bein' alive."

Mrs. Kovach:" peace"

Mr. Topp:" I'm thankful for having good friends."

Mr. Lutz:" my family."

MS. Lundquist:" thankful for being happy."

Mrs. Firestone: " a very fine family and many wonderful friends."

Mrs. Smith:" I'm thankful to be alive."

Mrs. Coleman:" I'm thankful for my new car."

Ms. Swanson:" I"m thankful for a super husband, a loving family and a lot of nice people around me here at school."

We on the Good Times staff want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a really nice new 1979.

THE GOOD TIMERS

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Meetings on Wednesdays room 103 at 2:30.

GOOD TIMES ADVISOR,

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I have a serious problem. There's a guy who likes me and I like him but he's getting too serious. I don't want to get that serious. What do I do?

Don't know what to Do

Dear D.K.W.T.D.,

I suggest that you have along talk with this guy and tell him that you don't want to get that serious yet. If he really cares for you, he'll understand.

Dear G.T.A.,

I am losing all my friends because of what someone said . What should I do?

Friendless

Dear Friend,

If this rumor isn't true, tell them it isn't true. If you act like it is true, you'll just be giving glory to the person who said it. Good Luck.

Dear G.T.A.,

There is a guy who likes me a lot, but I don't like him that much. How can I tell him without hurting his feelings?

Need Help

Dear Need,

I think that you should tell him you just want to be friends and that's all. A little hurt now is better than a lot of hurt later.

Dear G.T.A.,

I like a guy but I have aproblem. He doens't like me. How do I get him to like me?

Unliked

Dear Un,

I would suggest that you get involved in activities that he's instersted in. Let him get to know you. You'll know if he's the right guy for you.

SEND ALL LETTERS TO ROOM 103. YOU MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS. (unsigned). DROP THE LETTERS OFF BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY 31.

TURKEY SOUP (for left-overs)

1 eyeball of turkey
½ cup raccoon blood
2 turkey wings

MIX together. Add a feather from a bat. Put on stove. Cook for 25 minutes and then eat.

To Eat?

From the chef's corner....?

recipe for whenever/
1 cup greasy grime gopher guts
½ qt. mutilated monkey meat
½ gal. french fried eyeballs

Take the gopher guts and pour in pan. Mix monkey meat add take also fried eyeballs. Put in with the other stuff.

Stir five times and then heat at 500 a few minutes. Ready to serve whenever you can stomach it. (note: keep pepto-bismol handy)

Turkey Goblin

1½ c. turkey legs
2 c, turkey feathers
5 cu. turkey eyes
1. c. toenails (any kind)
½ c. turkey feet

BOIL for one hour. Then remove from pan. Cool for 24 hours, When cool, eat at 7:30. (Warning: if you really do this, you will be violently ill.)

Bits & Pieces

National Procrastination Week has been postponed until next week.

I lost apicture of me in the hall. Please return it to my locker.

Wanted: one comb to add to my collection. Also , anyone wnat to buy me a silver jacket?

How much is that kitten in the window? The one who invaded room 103 a few weeks ago...

"Shake a leg" isn't just an expression in Mrs. Herm's class... you should have seen the second six-weeks' fourth hour!

Mrs. Dobbs —8th math

Mrs. Dobbs was the interviewed faculty member this time. Her full name is Laurel Ann Dobbs.

She enjoys teaching. She says she rarely watches tv and that her favorite animal is the mouse who lives in the closet in room 213.

Sheenjoys swimming and the kind of sports she likes to participate in are the armchair variety. She enjoys teaching math and likes

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spending time with her family.

Mrs. Dobbs owns a cat and a dog. She says of the middle school there is no bette level in which to teach. She likes working here.

Attention: all talented students. There will be tryouts for a middle schoool rock band in Mrs. Herm's room. Dates will be posted in the upstairs hall...

Snow
White fluffy
falling from the sky
Cold and slippery
Flakes.

Boy
a lot of muscle
playing football
most all are cute
male.

Birds in sky
Oh how they fly
I watch them go
When I mow
Let's watch them fly.

Science — Mr. Lutz

Meet Mr. Lutz He likes teaching. He prefers science because unlike things like English , it nevers stands still.

His favorite food is shrimp and he likes the color orange.

Linda Ronstadt is his favorite singer.

He wears a size 8 and a half shoe. He is twenty -eight years old.

Born in White Pigeon, Michigan, he has been teaching here seven years.

mbb

Student council

Sixth hour classes held elections fro delegates to student council just before Thanksgiving.

Elected as delegates were Stacy Crane, Patty Thomas, Walt Tokarshick, Scott Craddock, Laurie Dietz, Michelle Serbenski, Dan Stamp, Mindy Racette, Mark Serbenski, Richard Furness, Jamie Bowman, Biff Gyarmathy, Bonnie Ray, Paul Tyler, Mark Williams, Chuck Muvrin, Kurt Lucas, and Linda Rozensbergs,

Alternates were Rich Conway, Kim Krause, Kathy Schincariol, Matt schmitt, Andy Baker, Jennifer Triquet, Dan Crandall, John Pugsley, Pam Watterworht, Roberta Casasanto, Jim Turas, Lucy Ziolo, Shelley Blacksten, Denise Wise, and Harold Brugh.

These people must maintain a grade level which includes no 1's in citizenship and better than a C+ .

Ball Season Over

Girls' basketball season is over.

The season was a rewarding one. We practiced many hours trying to improve our games. We're very glad wecould have Mr. Ruesink and Mr. Groenland as our coaches. They have spent their valuable time trying to tach us special techniques of how to play good offense and defense.

The eighth grade had an interesting season. We won three games but came so close in so many other games. We hope next year at P.P.H.S. will be better.

We wish the seventh grade and eighth grade boys' basketball teams as much fun and success as we've had.

J. Preston

concert Nov. 22

A concert was held November 22 for the entire middle school. Participating in the concert were the choirs from 6th and 7th grade and the 8th grade band.

A special aspect of the concert included a a dance routine by Mr. Dyer and Mrs. Herm.

The yearbook staff also took a few moments at the end ot remind people to order their yearbooks.

The concert was well-performed and thank yous should go to all involved and especially to Mrs. Herm, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. D'Arcangelis.

7th gr girls win

The seventh grade girls had quite a season in basketball., winning every game and then going on to win the tournament games.

We brought back the first trophy the middle school has ever had and our basketball team is very proud .

You can see the trophy in the office.

J. Terrill

Tennis Lovers!

We had a lot of fun this tennis season, even though we got rained out a few times, scorched a few times, and we even froze to death once in a while.

On the way to and from the meets we usually sang, not necessarily on key, and no doubt contributing to Mrs. Herm's migraines. We goofed around a lot and as a matter of fact, Dawn Mullins was given the court clown award and the team of Terry and Mary was given the Abbott and Costello award.

Three girls will be leaving the team to go on to the high school and one of them, our number one player, Barb Hande, knows what I mean when I say" go, Barb,go."

During the season we played five meets. One was away and one home with Allegan and Three Rivers both. We also played an away game with Sturgis. All in all, we had a pretty decent season.

D. H.

wrestling meets

Wrestling team got underway this week under the coaching of Mr. Lutz.

Wrestling is open to 7th and8th grade boys and requires no equipment especially, only two hardworking people.

The first wrestling meet is Dec.16 at Gull Lake. Six area schools are involved.

Some schools may include sixth graders but in terms of scoring their matches would not count.

RB

news?

Under the category, there is no news like late news, ...

A rock group called Free Fare performed for the middle school audience in October. The group did a second concert the following night at the high school.

Basketball begins for boys

Boys in seventh and eighth grade have begun their basketball season with practices the last three weeks.

The first game will be January 16 against Vicksburg. January 18 they play N. Christian, January 24 the A team only plays Coloma.

Comstock is the site of the January 25 game. Allegan is played on January 30, Lawton's A teams on January 31 and Three Rivers is the team's opponent on February 7.

A Saturday A team game is scheduled for February 10. Febrarary 13 they play Vicksburg, February 15, Allegan, February 21 Three Rivers and February 22 N. Christian.

Check the bulletin for times and for which team plays home or away.

toys from chimneyless house

Listed below are nine different ways for Santa to deliver toys without coming down the chimney.

1. the common way is to use the front door. (for all you dumb people that's number one.)
2. Climb through the window. (number 2)
3. Find a ladder to get off the roof, finds a locked door, goes to window and finds it locked too. Santa is a huge person. He makes himself tiny and climbs under the the crack on the window sill.
4. He could put a hole in the ceiling and climb down the Christmas tree.
5. He could break down the door or crack a window.
6. He could come in when t e cat goes out.
7. He might just imagine he was in- and you could imagine you got gifts.
8. He might find a way of coming in along the cable of the television.
9. Last but not certainly least- (however desperate) he sets fire to the house to get someone to open the door.

The moral of all this is if you want to find some gifts under your tree, either leave the door open or face facts- those gifts on Christmas morning... now we don't want to shock you ... don't need to come from him at all but in fact come from your parents! (oh no! I can't take it!)

Santa tells all

An interview with Santa Claus- by J.B. and A.R.

Hello, this is you roving reporter at the North Pole. Cpntrary to popular belief, there reallly isn't a pole.

'Well, there is Santa now.

"Ho,ho,ho. Come sit on my lap. What's your aame?"

"I'm the roving reporter. What! s my address?"

"Oh, right..."

Well on with the questions.

1."How much do you weigh?": R.R.

S.C.:" Well you see it depends- I weight between 250- 300 lbs. It depends on my scale.

2.R.R:"Did you smoking a pipe is bad for your health?"

S.C:"Yes, but I guess it's just one of those habits you can't kick."

3. R.R.:"What kind of animals are your reindeer?"

S.C.:"Yeah sure. Deer, I hope."

4. R.R.:"Do you think you could give me Kiss's personal address since you know everyone's?"

S.C.:"Well I don't really know it. I just memorize the route."

R.R.:" Shoot!"

5. R.R.:" What color is your red suit?"

S.C.: "Are you sure you're feeling all right?"

R.R.:"just fine."

6. R.R.:"Do all your eleves come from Ireland?"

S.C.:" From all over."

7.R.R.:" Is the moon really made of cheese?"

S.C.:"I don't know. I really never had time to stop and find out."

8.R.R.:" Are you and MRS. Claus really married?"

S.C.:" Of course."

9. "Are you for real?"

SC.: " huh?"

10. R.R.:"Santa is there really a Virginia?"

S.C.:"Yes, it's one of my stops."

11.R.R.:"Is it true that Christmas is going to be changed to a Monday so we'll have a longer week-end?"

S.C.:"I hope not because I can't stand working on a Sunday night."

12.R.R.:" Is it true you turn into a pumpkin at midnight?"

S.C.:"Oh no not another rumor ! Don't believe it."

13.R.R.:" Do you slide down the North Pole when there is a fire?"

S.C.:" Never seen or heard of a fire round here before."

Well, folks this then is your roving reporter roving off. Bye bye.

Their ideal Christmas gifts

What would you want for Christmas if you could have anything? Or what would you want to give for Christmas? These were the questions that were asked of middle school students and staff this past week by the good timers.

Julie Kemp: "a date with Dan Brill."
Stephanie Baughman:" wants a horse."
Marcos Ruiz:" a snowmobile- Polaris 440 Centurion."
Cathy Bailey:" Leif Garrett, Andy Gibb, and Shaun Cassidy."
Lesley Smith:" a trip to Hollywood."
Kim VanAlstine:" a snow mobile."
J.D. McKenzie:" would like a four-wheel drive wrangler van."
Rocky Sherburn:" my own massage parlour."
Jayne Whittington: " Marty Root."
Donna Rook:" $10,000."
Kathy Schincariol: " money."
Lori Fisk:" Mike Terry."
Pam DePierre:" M.A."
Roberta Casanto:" $100,000."
Biff Gyarmathy: would like to give Carl Marcelletti a jack knife, and to Adam, I'd give Dawn."
Brian Rosema:" Two free nights with Cheryl Ladd."
Chris Verburg:" give Adam serbenski to Cindy Harbin."
Cindy Harbin:" wants an A.M./F.M. digital clock radio."
Adam Serbenski:" would like Cheryl Tiegs."
Joe Snowaert:" also wants a few free nights with Cheryl Tiegs."
Paul Keenan :" wants Christy McNichols."
Mr. Erickson : "wants a dual-height Workmate."
Mrs. Barrett:" wants a day to do totally as I please."
John Pugsley and Mark Serbenski: want some "strange grouping of numbers..." Hmmm.
Janet Barnhart: "new horses."
Jill Terrill:" a good math grade."
Lisa Wilson:" all good grades."
Paul Abnet:" wants an A in math and social studies."
Pam Barich, Lynn Stull, Lisa Mettler, Tracy Marks. Chris Heldak, all: want" A's in all subjects all year."
L. O'Connor: "wants an A in social studies."
(are these things you might get from Santa Claus? Does he give grades? Does anyone? ... Don't these folks give the grades they get to themselves... ?)

More...

Students continued to be thinking of famous people they'd like to be with.

Dan Crandall:" would like Susanne Somers."
Linda Rozensbergs:" would like Leif Garrett."
Mrs. Kovach: "would like heated highways."
Laurie Veldt: "Bee Gees and Andy Gibb."

Mindy Page:" wants ten ways to get rid of her brother."
Gina Rigozzi" wants a stereo and speakers."
Cathleen Thayer:" wants record albums."
Mindy Donovan:" wants a dog."

PICTURED TO THE LEFT ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM, ALONG WITH THEIR COACH MR. GROENLAND AND MR. BRILL. THE TROPHY IS ON DISPLAY IN THE OFFICE. IT IS THE FIRST ONE ANY TEAM HAS BROUGHT BACK. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS.

for Christmas...

CONTINUATION OF THE "WHAT WE'd LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS " answers.

Susan Campbell:" wants a date with a horse,"
Judith Baker:" wants John Travolta,"
Angie Terry:" wants to get a filly."
Dan Brill: "wants a date with Julie Kemp."
Brandie Dunn: "Wants a date with Rafael Tovias."
Michele Serbesnki "wants a date with P.H."
Brian Cook:" wants a 50 x 100 telescope,"
Jim Jackson: wants to date M.D."

SO THERE WE HAVE IT_ EVERYONE' WISHES.
We wish you a merry Christmas though we doubt many of these wishes will come true!

LIKE PULLING TEETH

Having a tooth pulled is, in my opinion, a harrowing experience. You may know a week before that you have to have it pulled but it's not till an hour before that you realize it. When you get to the dentist's office, you feel your stomach doing somersaults, but when they call your name it does a double flip.

You sit in your chair and the next thing you see is a long needle and you hear the words "open wide." You take a deep breath as you feel the needle puncture the side of your mouth. When he withdraws it, you get the feeling your mouth isn't there and you reach up to make sure."

You then see what looks like pliers go into your mouth. You hear the sound of cracking roots, you feel the tooth being pulled from its socket.

You leave the office with gauze in your mouth and go home to stare in the mirror at the hole in your mouth.

P. DePierre

last man on earth

The last man on earth sat sadly staring at the floor. There was aknock on the door. The man jumped up and ran over to the door. He opened it and looked out. He could see nothing so he shut the door.

About five minutes later he heard a-nother knock on the door. This time he saw a little silver thing in the distance. He yelled to the little silver object but it kept on going. Finally he got to where the object had headed. It went aboard a little space ship.

The last man stood staring as the spaceship started to take off. He thought to himself, " why in the world did this silver creature come to earth?"

Then once again the last man sat sadly staring at the floor, wondering what hs future would be like with no one else on earth for him to be with,

D. Wise

Ms.Lundquist & art

An interview with Ms. Lundquist gives us the following information.

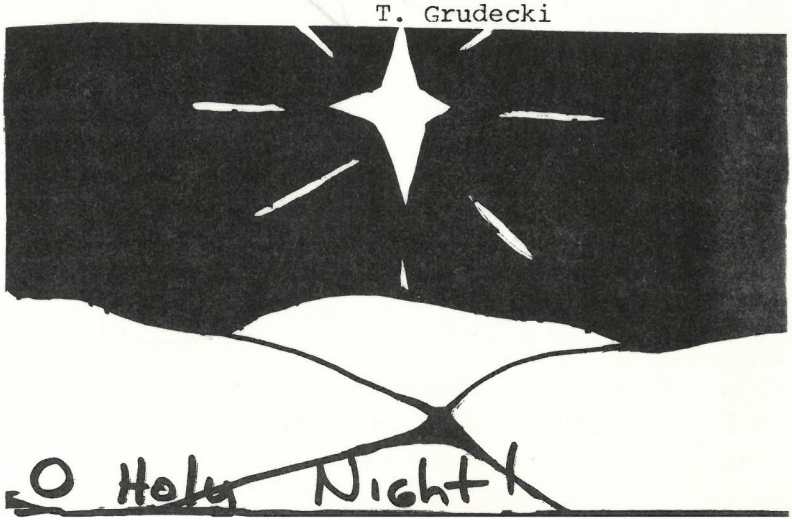
In answer to what was her last major sickness or surgery or the like..."birth." She was born in Chicago and her favorite subjects in school were math and boys.

Her first car was a VW and she got in college. As a kid she was "pretty mcuh of a do-gooder" who always got caught when doing somthing wrong.

She enjoys teaching most of the time says this art teacher who lives in an apartment . Her apartment is done in"real junky"furniture but it's comfortable

Her favorite saying is "read my lips" followed by "are you sitting on your ears?" Her favorite word is "juicy."

This wild and crazy teacher says she isn't sure yet if there will be a play this year since she is taking night classes.

WINTER
The snow begins to fall.
And we all think of mistletoe,
Deep snow,
School closing,
Christmas.
The time to be together.

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